



# NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

**TODD P. GRAVES**

---

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)

---

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2002**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield man was sentenced today after being convicted by a jury of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**Deon Love**, 41, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright to 10 years in prison without parole. That is the maximum sentence provided under federal law, Graves said.

**Love** was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm by a jury on May 21, 2002. Jurors found that **Love** was in possession of a Remington 12 gauge shotgun and a Bryco Arms .32 caliber pistol on March 29, 2001. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Love's** 1988 criminal felony conviction for robbery in Jackson County, Mo., and his 1995 criminal felony conviction for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine in Greene County, Mo.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Springfield Police Department.

\*\*\*\*\*

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)